

REMARKS

I. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action the Examiner required restriction between the two (2) groups of claims detailed at page 2 of the Office Action. In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 27-35 and 39-45, drawn to a method for detecting a microorganism contamination in a cell culture medium for further processing, with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of the two Groups are not unduly burdensome to the Examiner. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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